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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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Leonard Trask of Hartford, Maine in 1833.

LEONARD TRASK: THE WONDERFUL INVALID A PROFILE IN COURAGE AND PERSEVERANCE

by Stanley Russell Howe

In an era when there was often only hard work standing between survival and starvation, Leonard Trask must be seen as a remarkable survivor. Born in Hartford, Maine, 30 June 1805, the son of a prosperous farmer, he spent his youth working on his father's farm. At age 21, he went to work in Carthage, Maine, making bricks for \$11.50 a month. In the fall of 1826, he returned to Hartford and was engaged to build 100 rods of stone wall for \$100. He bought a pair of oxen for \$50 and set to work, completing the job in eight weeks. He then sold his oxen for \$55 and went to logging in Byron and labored there for several months for \$12 per month. Next he traveled to Massachusetts, where he found employment, which paid the first year \$13 per month and the next year \$18 per month.

After accumulating some cash in Massachusetts, Trask returned to Maine and bought some wild land in the present town of Peru near Worthley Pond, not far from the new County Road connecting Sumner with Paris. Here he contracted to have a barn built on his land by contributing a year's labor. The next year he spent building a house, working long hours. On 19 September 1830, he married Eunice Knight, daughter of Goin and Eunice Dorr Knight. She was born 11 November 1809 and in her husband's view was well suited to managing a farm household.

Trask's efforts began to pay off as his livestock increased and his farm began to flourish. Children began to be born and the couple took pride in looking to a bright future with a prosperous farm and a growing family.

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Twitchell Family Challenge

Mrs. Roxanne Twitchell Sly has issued a challenge to all Twitchell descendants to join her in contributing enough to have one of the rooms named after the Twitchell family. The minimum price of a room is \$25,000. Anyone wishing to learn more about this challenge is encouraged to call the society (800) 824-2910 or use E-Mail: history @ bdc.bethel.me.us.

Please send all tax deductible contributions to the Society at P.O. Box 12, Bethel, Maine 04217.

Robinson House

The present "Elms" of Bethel Inn stands beside the current Society headquarters, the Dr. Moses Mason House on Broad Street. In September 1997, the Society launched an ambitious project to acquire, renovate and provide for operations of this building as a proposed addition to its facilities. Named for the original owner of the house O'Neil Robinson (1797-1867), the building would then be known as the Robinson House. This would provide critically needed space for exhibits, expanded museum store and craft operations, more adequate research room and collection storage as well as an education room for all ages. This addition would also allow the Society to expand its focus to become a truly Northern New England institution and establish its Regional History Center with programming, conferences, publications, exhibits, lectures, etc. relating to that region.

JOIN THOSE LISTED ABOVE IN HELPING TO SECURE THE FUTURE OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE 21st CENTURY! PLEASE SEND YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION NOW!

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All of this began to be threatened when in 1833, Trask was riding on horseback through a neighboring town when a wandering hog in fright ran toward him rather than away and rushed under the horse's feet, throwing the rider off with great force, badly injuring his neck and shoulders. It was two months before he could even do the lightest work which was performed with the greatest difficulty and pain despite the passage of time. Working only intermittently for the rest of the season, he managed to survive the extreme pain in his spine.

The next year his health appeared to improve. He could work with more ease and continue longer without the intense pain that had plagued him the previous year. Despite the improved circumstances for his labor, he sustained severe losses in property and fortune. He lost nine cows, four oxen and several smaller cattle to a disease known as "bloody murain." One horse sickened and died. Three others followed. These losses and the need for money to support his growing family led him to return to the woods in the Dead River "Pineries." By the time he got to the woods where logging was to take place, the snow was four feet deep. The camp the loggers expected to inhabit had been destroyed so they spent their first night in the woods leaning against or walking around trees. The next night was a bit better since they had a large fire to gather around in the open air. The next day, they finished construction of a camp so that the third night was spent nestled on cold hemlock boughs above the frozen ground.

Due to these severe conditions, Trask caught a cold which along with the low temperatures aggravated his spinal condition, causing him severe pain. He supposed it to be an attack of rheumatism which he fought with exercise. This remedy did not help and he found himself struggling to keep up with the other loggers while enduring incredible suffering. He was unable to rise from his bed of straw and boughs without a rope. Yet he managed to survive a long winter in the camp.

In the spring, he became increasingly aware of the fact that he was becoming round shouldered as his spine began to curve. Consulting a variety of doctors, he endured an assortment of treatments that brought no benefit. In fact some of the methods employed were often more painful than the condition that they were supposed to cure. The last physician consulted at this time was Dr. Banks of Canton, who prescribed extensive bleeding. This procedure left Trask so weak that several months were required before he was actually as well as he was before treatment.

In the summer of 1840, Trask fell from a load of hay while riding from the field where he had been to oversee some work on the farm. This injury brought on a severe fever. He finally recovered from the fever, but his spine got worse. At this time there appeared a parting of the vertebrae of the neck and back or upper part of the spine. This caused even more discomfort than he had formerly known.

Again medical authorities were baffled at how to deal with this situation. More bleeding was prescribed with predictable dismal results. Thompsonian techniques were resorted to on two occasions with nearly disastrous outcomes. Pigweed tea was necessary in the last attempt to stop the vomiting that was an essential feature of Thompsonian principles.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

With 1998 highlighted by such exciting developments as the purchase of another building and the inauguration of a new event, New Year's Bethel, will 1999 be a letdown?

Hardly. The coming year will be the time when the Society begins the process of assuming occupancy of the Robinson House and becomes a two building historical "campus." The Robinson House and the present headquarters, Dr. Mason House, will become known as the Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center.

In April, we expect to start looking at the possibilities of temporary occupation of the Robinson House for some Society operations. We are anxious to establish a presence in the building as soon as possible. This step we believe will further strengthen our efforts to raise funds for the project and help us to move on toward the next phase, which will involve architectural plans and renovation.

In June, we are planning an open house to make it possible for members and friends to tour the building and discuss with the trustees and members of the Capital Campaign and Building committees ideas and suggestions for the facility's future. Please watch this column for further details.

Walter Hatch

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Dr. James T. and Patricia B. Hudson, Newcastle
Dr. William M. and Jane C. O'Brien, Charlottesville, VA
Chuck Scheffreen and Carol Thompson, Marblehead, MA

(Trask)

In the meantime, Trask's wife began to fall ill and remained in delicate health for the rest of her days. He consulted more than twenty doctors, the last few of whom told him his condition was hopeless and that he must face that fact.

His health broken and fortune gone, Trask labored on with remarkable tenacity. He could do very little farm work, but managed to hoe crops by working backward instead of forward. Farming did not provide enough support so he resorted to peddling. This was made even more difficult by the fact that at this time (1845) his chin rested permanently on his chest and he could not see very far forward. He also was perceived as a frightening spectacle, who scared women and children especially. Needless to say, his business prospects in peddling were severely limited by his unusual appearance.

He finally had to abandon peddling since his neck got so stiff and his head so bowed down that straining his eyes to look ahead to guide his horse caused them to bleed. His wife found this situation the most distressing. Although she had seen him endure terrific suffering, looking at him while the blood trickled down his cheeks was almost more than she could bear.

In 1853, Trask was thrown from his wagon, breaking four ribs, and fracturing a collar bone. Travel by any means except short distances on foot became increasingly difficult for him. Once while out walking he got in the path of an oncoming carriage. The horse was frightened by his

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SOCIETY SALES DEPARTMENT

The Society maintains a selection of modestly priced gifts and historical publications. They may be ordered at the prices listed below. Maine residents must include 5.5% sales tax. Orders under \$10 should include \$1 for postage and handling; those over \$10 but under \$20 should include \$2 and all those over \$20 should add \$3 to cover mailing expenses.

Tile

Moses Mason House \$3.50

Stationery (package of ten sheets and ten envelopes) \$2 each

(Moses Mason House, Bethel Railroad Station, Summer House, Bethel Covered Bridge)

Booklets

Dr. Moses Mason and His House \$1

Molly Ockett \$2

Maps and Atlases

1880 Map of Bethel Hill \$2

1880 Map of Town of Bethel \$2

1878 Bird's Eye View of Bethel Hill \$1

1858 Atlas of Oxford County \$9.95

T-Shirts

Moses Mason Museum (Adult, S, M, L, XL) \$8

Moses Mason Museum (Child, 4-6-8-10-12-14) \$8

Sudbury Canada 1768-1796 (Adults, S, M, L, XL) \$8

Sudbury Canada 1768-1796 (Child, 4-6-8-10-12-14) \$8

Post Cards: Dr. Moses Mason, Agnes Mason, Moses Mason

House 10 cents each

Tote Bags (Moses Mason Museum logo) small \$7.50 large \$11.50

Placemat, 4 season, set of four Bethel scenes \$7.50

Books

Adams & Glatz, *Young Wives Tales* \$19.95 Paper

Barnes, *Maine Life: The Photographs of N.C. Maxim* \$16.99 Paper

Bean, *East Bethel Road* \$50 Cloth

Bennett, *Bethel, Maine: An Illustrated History* \$39.95 Paper

Bennett, *The White Mountains* \$14.99 Paper

Bennett, *The Mt. Zircon Moon Tide Spring* \$19.95 Paper

Crosby, *From an Old Leather Trunk* \$5 Cloth

Crosby, *I Was A Summer Boarder* \$5 Cloth

Dickerman, *A Guide to Crawford Notch* \$12.95 Paper

Fraser, *A History of Maine Made Automobiles* \$34.95 Cloth

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Gove, *J.E. Henry's Logging Railroads* \$25.95 Paper

Grumet, *Northeastern Indian Lives 1632-1816* \$19.95 Cloth

Hathaway, *Everything Happened Around the Switchboard* \$13.95

Paper

Heywood, *History of Upton, Maine* \$20 Paper

Howe, *Concise History of the Maine State Grange* \$20 Cloth

Hubka, *Big House, Little House, Back House Barn: The Connected*

Farm Buildings of New England \$24.95 Paper

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Killgore, *Descendants of Joseph Killgore* \$65 Cloth

Lapham, *History of Bethel, Maine 1768-1890* \$45 Cloth

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Little, *American Decorative Wall Painting 1700-1850* \$9.95 Paper

Maine the Pine Tree State: From Prehistory to the Present \$29.95

Paper

McKee, *Historic American Covered Bridges* \$24.95

Mills, *The Genealogy of Samuel & Frances (Pembroke) Mills Family*

\$5 Paper

Mitchell, *Our House: It's History* \$24.95

Paris, *Maine: Second Two Hundred Years* \$45 Cloth

Parkman, *The Gould Academy Story* \$9.95 Paper

Proceedings of the Steamship College \$25 Paper

Russell, *Indian New England Before the Mayflower* \$15.95 Paper

Shirrefs, *The Richardson Lakes* \$29.95 Paper

Spaulding, *Historical Relics of the White Mountains* \$12.95 Paper

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Tolles, *Grand Resort Hotels of the White Mountains* \$50 Cloth

Visser, *Field Guide to New England Barns and Farm Buildings*

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Whitney, *The World of C.A. Stephens* \$19.95 Paper

Wight, *Carrie, A History of Newry* \$5 Paper

Wight, *Paula, Newry Profiles* \$5 Paper

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presence and nearly upset the carriage. Trask simply stopped to see if that would quiet the situation and the man and woman in the carriage were able to calm the horse which proceeded by the pedestrian. The man in the carriage, however, blamed Trask for scaring his animal and was about to horsewhip him when he realized that he was not responsible for his appearance.

By this time, Trask had no ability to move his head up or down, left or right without moving his entire body. His neck and upper part of his body, having become perfectly rigid while the whole upper section of his spinal column had undoubtedly become ossified.



Leonard Trask, from a daguerreotype taken in 1857.

Because of his strange appearance and peculiar form Trask had a number of showmen attempting to hire him to appear for public exhibition, a form of entertainment made wildly popular later in the century by P.T. Barnum. Despite this temptation to ease his financial burdens, Trask resolutely refused. In his account of his life and affliction, he wrote that "his misfortunes and afflictions, his pains and sufferings, were his own; his singular figure and deformity was his own, and as it had pleased God so to afflict him, that he had become a living, human curiosity, and a wonder to his fellow men, he would sell or hire himself to no man, to become a source of speculation in their hands--that though his physical appearance he scarcely bore the resemblance of humanity, yet through the benignity a kind Providence, the 'man within' had been left unimpaired; and if singular form presented to the mind of his fellow men, a subject of curiosity, wonder, interest or instruction, the sight should become a source of profit to no one but himself."

To another suggestion, Trask had an equally strong objection. Many who knew him seeing him bowed down and attempting to work despite his terrible disability urged him to "throw himself upon the town." Certainly, their reasoning went, it was no disgrace to become a town pauper when the cause for it was obvious to anyone and was certainly beyond his control. With pauper auctions firmly in mind although they were outlawed in 1847 by the State Legislature, Trask could not bear to see his wife and children on the "pauper block" sold to the lowest bidder as "human chatels."

In his prime, Trask was over six feet and weighed 199 pounds. In his deformed condition, he stood only four feet ten inches (to the top of his shoulders which was his highest point) and was down to 134 pounds.

In 1858, he published in Portland (printed by David Tucker) his little book *A Brief Historical Sketch of the Life and Sufferings of Leonard Trask, the Wonderful Invalid*. This publication was intended to help the author financially by the telling of his sad story. No evidence has been found that Trask made much money from his labors, but he has left us with a remarkable story of courage and perseverance despite the odds. He died three years after the book's publication at the age of fifty-five on 13 April 1861. If the book made much profit for him, he had little time to enjoy the fruits of his literary labors. Perhaps his family benefitted, but that information is now lost to us forever. Today his little book has become one of the rarest publications in Maine local history and would bring a remarkable sum to anyone selling an original copy.

Toward the end of his tale, Trask wrote: "It is hoped that the perusal of this short sketch of the life of one whose form presents a picture to the rarely met in the arena of humanity, may admonish us of the transitory nature of sublunary hopes and prospects--the delusive and fleeting character of earthly bliss; that it may teach the young the priceless blessing which heaven bestows on man; that while they enjoy it, they may not be careless in its protection, nor barter it for worldly gain; that it may admonish them how soon may be the transit from joy to sorrow, from hope to despair; and from the height of worldly pleasure to the depth of human woe." This was certainly sage advice from one who had known the abyss of human suffering and despair.

33rd ANNUAL MEETING

The 33rd annual meeting was called to order by president Walter Hatch at Alder River Grange # 145 in East Bethel. After a delicious pot luck supper under the supervision of the Special Projects Committee chaired by Persis Post, there was a short business meeting where the president called for a moment of silence for those members who had died since the last annual meeting: Gabrielle Howe, Mildred Rackcliffe, Helen Phibbrook, John Willard, Wilma Quimby, Marie Brown, Harold Chapman, Beatrice Grover, Ruth Watson, Dorothy Small, Dorothy Brinck, June Greig, Louise Clough, George Noll, Olive Anderson, John Bean, Elizabeth Blake, and Arnol Brown. The Nominating Committee consisting of John Brown and Margaret Davis for the general membership and Lorrie Hoeh, retiring trustee, reported the following slate: president, Walter Hatch; vice-president, Alvin Barth; secretary and clerk of the trustees, Paul McGuire; treasurer, Arlene Lowell; trustees for three years: Lois Kilroy, Priscella Walker. These nominees were elected without opposition. Mr. Hatch paid tribute to the services of the two retiring trustees Lorrie Hoeh and Margaret Wight. The president reviewed some of the highlights of the past year: the launching of the capital campaign, the closing on the Elms building, the presence of a major exhibit "The Way Life Should Be," the \$1000 gift from Bob and Janet Spidell for genealogical books for the research library; the \$75,000 challenge grant from the Betterment Fund for the capital campaign, the creation of a Bethel Historical Society web site, two grants of a \$1000 each from Exxon for a television, VCR, stand, and video camera, several successful special events, the addition of more than seventy new members, a wide range of gifts to the collection from more than fifty donors, and the installation of granite back steps at the Dr. Moses Mason House.



Honorary Member Edna York receives the 1998 Marjorie MacArthur Noll Volunteer Service Award from president Walter Hatch at the Annual Meeting held this year at Alder River Grange in East Bethel.

(Annual Meeting)

President Hatch presented the 12th annual Marjorie MacArthur Noll Volunteer Service Award to Edna York, a member since 1979. Mrs. York was honored for her long service as a guide in the museum, a very active member of the Special Projects Committee, a piano player at many Society functions, and a generous contributor to the annual fund for many years. She was made an honorary member, the Society's highest membership award, in 1986.

Following the business portion of the meeting, David Richards, Ph.D., Assistant Director of the Margaret Chase Smith Library, spoke on the history of the Poland Spring Resort and some of its colorful characters through the years.

DIARY OF WILLIAM S. HASTINGS

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1935--June 1, Rainy and cooler. Cloudy but fair in p.m. June 2, Fair and warm. Took canoe to Greenwood. June 3, Fair and warm. Plowed and harrowed for John [Howe]. June 4, Fair. Finished planting garden. June 5, Cloudy and rainy. Hauled birch from Farwell Hill. Built chicken fence. June 6, Cloudy. Graduation at Gould. Haakon [Olson] graduated. I graduated 17 years ago today. Planted beets, carrots, etc. on Horse Pasture. June 7, Fair and warm. Harrowed for John. Planted spuds for John. 1/2 acre. June 8, Fair and warm. Showers. Finished plowing for John. Cultivated. June 9, Rain all day. Went to Greenwood in p.m. June 10, Rain. Put up spuds. June 11, Cloudy. Hoed garden, set out tomatoes. Went to Norway. Bought a new pitch-fork. June 12, Fair and warm. Bob in Portland. I cultivated all day. The new cultivator is a nice machine. June 13, Cloudy. Dug bindweed roots nearly all day. June 14, Fair and warm. Finished harrowing for John. 23 hours in all. June 15, Showers. Harrowed the 4 acre fallow piece. June 16, Fair and warm. Went to church. Went to Greenwood. Put chicks on range. June 17, Cloudy and rain in p.m. Laid pipe to chick range. Rained hard all p.m. Brook was bank-full at 5 p.m. Put up last of spuds for city. Plenty of big stuff and waste left. June 18, Fair. Cultivated all day on Crow piece. June 19, Rain. Seeded millet. Jacked up "wood hole" in shed. Bob in Portland with last of the

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spuds. June 20, Cloudy and rainy. Jacked up Farwell's barn. June 21, Cultivated. June 22, Cleaned up cellars. Showery. June 23, Fair, fine day. Went to church in a.m. Edward was christened. In p.m. we went to Gilead and over Evans Notch to Cold River in No. Chatham. Road is unfinished. Nice scenery though. Howard Norwood [University of Maine classmate] is here. June 24, Fair and warm. Dug weeds and repaired range shelters. June 25, Fair and hot. Worked cultivating in a.m. Built trucks under mower in p.m. June 26, Fair and hotter. Finished mower in a.m. Dug ditch from spring in p.m. Everything growing fine. Locusts are blossomed in full. June 27 [no entry]. June 28, Cut a little hay. June 29, Fair and hot. Bethel trip. Dad gave me deed of this land where the house is. Bob in Bowdoinham. June 30, Fair and hot. Nice breeze. Picnic at Twitchell Pond. Went swimming. Had canoe and motor. Vans called in evening. Ruth, Barbara and Edward went to Brentwood [W.W. Thomas estate at Falmouth Foreside, Ruth's sister and husband were caretakers]. July 1, Fair and hot. Mowed cemetery for John. Billy and I are keeping house. July 2, Fair and hot. Haying on Bean piece. July 3, Fair and hot. Haying. Ruth and the kids came home. July 4, Fair and hot. Kid parade at Bethel. Hayed in p.m. Went swimming in S. Pond. Fireworks in eve. at Bethel. July 5, Fair and hot. Haying. Swam in Otter Brook in eve. Water was cold. Green peas today. July 6, Fair and hot. Haying. Finished Bean farm. Swam in So. Pond. Looks like rain at night. We need rain. Dry as heck! July 7, Rain and cold. Went to Greenwood. July 8, Rain. Repaired machinery and moved range shelters. Put a light over shed door. July 9, Clearing. Picked peas. Put sprayer together. Ran tractor hoe on spuds. Vines are most too large to hoe. July 10, Fair and hot. Sprayed. Hoed. Shower in p.m. Got a crate of strawberries from Newton, Rumford Cor., for 12 1/2 cents per qt. July 11, Fair and hot. Mowed and sprayed. Hauled 2 loads in p.m. Light shower. July 12, Fair and hot. July 13, Fair and cooler. Haying, spraying, etc. July 14, Fair and warm. Went to Papoose Pond. Bum place. Regular beach resort. July 15, Fair and cool. Haying and spraying. Finished hoeing spuds. July 16, Rainy. Edward is one year old. Did odd jobs. Potatoes about size of hen's eggs on Horse Pasture. Everything growing fine. July 17, Fair and warm. Mowed alot of hay. Bob in Portland. Chickens 20 cents lb. live wt., 32 cents dressed. Potatoes 50 to 60 cents per bu. retail. Brought home alot of laying pullets, Rocks and Reds crossed, \$1.50 each. Ruth and I went to picture "The First World War." July 18, Fair. Haying. July 19, Cloudy. Showers in morning so we went to Albany Mt. in Albany after blueberries. Poor picking. I got only 8 qts. July 20, 21, Cloudy and cool. Greenwood. July 22, Cloudy. Filled silo half-full. Shower at night. July 23, Showery. Went to Bethel. Had truck fixed. July 24, Fair. Crew haying. I was sick all day. Liver. July 25, Fair. Haying and spraying. Norwood came. July 26, Fair. Haying. Finished Home Piece. 13 1/2 loads from 7 acres of new ground. Agnes [Bettinger, first cousin of William S. Hastings] and Mary Lee [daughter] came.

July 27, Fair and clear. Dressed chickens. Sprayed. July 28, Fair and cool. Went to Greenwood. Bob in Old Orchard. Dad in Fryeburg. July 29, Cloudy. Cut silage. Rain at noon. Went to Newry Rips by canoe in p.m. July 30, Fair. Finished mowing on intervale. Sprayed potatoes. Went swimming. Bill Howe (Henry's boy) arrived at John's. July 31, Fair. 34th birthday. Swimming in eve. August 1, Haying. Spraying. August 2, Finished haying. August 3, Fair.

Dressed poultry. Sprayed. August 4, Fair. Went to Greenwood. August 5, Rainy. Finished filling silo. Moved to Ceylon's. August 6, Cloudy. Filled Ceylon's silo. August 7, Fair. Went to Greenwood Ice Caves for blueberries. Got 16 qts. August 8, Fair and warm. Sprayed all day. Pulled weeds. August 9, Fair and hot. Sprayed in a.m. Plowed in p.m. Went to meeting of Mt. Abram Fish and Game Ass'n. at L. Mills. Joined ass'n. Kenyon is president. King Bartlett vice pres. Harriseth sec. Fred Merrill treas. August 10, Fair and warm. Plowed all day. Finished the 5 acre fallow field. August 11, Raining. Greenwood school reunion. Played a game of baseball. First game for over 10 years for me. August 12, Cloudy but clearing. Mowed oats. Meeting of Mt. Abram Fish and Game Ass'n. Planned field day for August 31. August 13, Fair and hot!! Mowed oats, turned oats, and threshed 1 load of oats. Small load, yield 20 bu. Thunderstorm in eve. First pullets egg. Our own stuff. August 14, Fair and hot!! Mowed oats, turned oats. Bob in Lisbon Falls. Florence's grandmother's [Mrs. Wellman] funeral. August 15, Fair and hot! Threshed oats. August 16, Fair and hot! Threshing, etc. Dressing poultry. August 17, Fair and hot!! Went to Baldface for blueberries. Fair picking but how hot and dry!!! Spring was low and muddy. George Cole [Ruth's father], Leo Cole [Ruth's brother], Dad and myself. So warm we slept without blankets. August 18, Fair and hot!!! Picked blueberries and came off at noon. Everything is drying up. August 19, Fair and hot! Threshed last of our oats. 230 bu. +/- August 20, Fair and hot! Threshed, etc. Bob and family gone to Baldface. August 21, Fair and hot. Threshed for Ceylon. Dry!!! Aroostook potatoes are dying from heat. Estimated 60% of last year's crop. Shower in evening. August 22, Fair and cool. Sprayed. Turned Farwell's oats. August 23, Fair and cool. Went to Portland and had Barb's eyes examined. Had flat tire. August 24, Cool and windy. Threshed all day. August 25, Cool and windy. Went to Hallowell to call on Curiers [friends of Ruth's]. August 26, Pulling weeds. Hauling stove wood. August 27, Cool. Hauling wood. Spuds about \$1.50 per bbl. 75 cents per bu. locally. August 28, Cool. Pulling weeds. August 29, Pulling weeds. Bob in S. Paris. August 30, Plowed on Horse Pasture. August 31, Cool and windy. Field day of Mt. Abram Fish and Game Ass'n at Bryant Pond. Eland Noyes of So. Paris won the motor.

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BOOK REVIEW

The Grand Resort Hotels of the White Mountains: A Vanishing Architectural Legacy by Bryant F. Tolles, Jr. (Boston: David R. Godine, 1998. 269 pps., illus., index. \$50 (available in the BHS Museum Shop))

Bryant Tolles' long-awaited survey of the grand hotels of the White Mountain region has finally made its appearance after many years of delay, and, thankfully it does not disappoint. If anything, Tolles' skillfully worded text and well-captioned illustrations leave us wanting to know more about this fascinating subject.

The first book to fully explore the architecture, as well as the related economic, social, and cultural history of the Great White Mountain hotels, Tolles' impressive work was based on three years of research, during which time he culled valuable information, reflections, and visual materials from libraries, archives, and private collections throughout New England. This reviewer, who shared his own White Mountain collection with the book's author, can testify to the thoroughness of his research. Situated in one

of America's oldest and most heavily visited vacation and recreation locales, these beautiful buildings were the first structures in the country designed exclusively for the tourist industry. This volume identifies and explores some thirty outstanding resort complexes, explaining their architectural histories and the often surprising stories behind their lovely wooden facades. The book also presents the dramatic evolution of building types from railroad hostleries and the grand hotels of the 1850s, including the Glen House, Profile House, and Crawford House. The final chapters focus on several of the huge complexes dating from the closing of the "grand hotel era," including the Balsams at Dixville Notch and the Mount Washington at Bretton Woods.

Sadly, only a handful of the grand hotels survive today, and Tolles delves into the many reasons for the rapid demise of this building type in the twentieth century. Placing the buildings in a broad historical context, Tolles explains the origins and development of this highly specialized industry, and discusses the symbolic relationship between railroads and hotels. The book concludes with a lengthy bibliography, several appendices (one of which is a list of the major White Mountain hotels, including ones that disappeared long ago) and a comprehensive index. The author is now at work on a similar study, covering the numerous large private cottages that once dotted the White Mountain landscape.

Randall H. Bennett
Curator of Collections
Bethel Historical Society

THE BETHEL SOLDIERS OF '61

From the pages of the OXFORD ADVERTISER, 22 October 1886, compiled by Judge C.F. Whitman of Norway

The Rebels emboldened by their successes in the campaign against Pope, began their first invasion of the North, and the command of the Army of the Potomac was again given to Gen'l McClellan. Our troops were soon in motion. The 5th Maine received orders to break camp on the sixth of September 1862 while on battalion drill. It was 8 o'clock in the evening when the Reg't began the march. The moon shone brilliantly and the men moved forward with light hearts and buoyant spirits. In two hours they crossed Long Bridge into the city of Washington where the streets were crowded with people who received them with the greatest enthusiasm. As they passed the residence of the commanding general, the air rang with the wildest cheers. At one o'clock they bivouacked at Georgetown Heights. Here they rested till evening. It was Sunday and for the first time in many months they heard the music of the Sabbath bells.

The march was continued for several days, and they finally pitched camp in the vicinity of Frederick City, where "Up the street had come the Rebel tread, Stonewall Jackson riding ahead. Under his slouched hat, left and right, he glanced; the old flag met his sight. Halt! The dust brown ranks stood fast; Fire! Out blazed the rifle blast. It shivered the window pane and sash. It rent the banner with seam and gash. Quick as it fell from the broken staff; Dame Barbara snatched the silken scarf; she leaned out on the window sill and shook it forth with a royal will. Shoot if you must this old gray head, but spare your country's flag she said. A shade of sadness, a blush of shame, over the face of the leader came; the nobler nature within him stirred to life at that woman's deed and word: 'who touches a hair of yon gray head, dies like a dog! March on,' he said."

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MEMBER PROFILE

Alden and Mabel Kennett

Born in Worcester, MA, Alden Kennett graduated from Dover (MA) High School in 1945. He married Mabel Pollard in 1949 and they have three children and six grandchildren. Mr. Kennett has been a farmer, milk plant operator and a fish culturist for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. A game warden for twenty years, he retired from that service in 1977. He continued to work as an arborist for Sunday River Tree Service for several years before fully retiring in 1983. He served several years on the Bethel Planning Board and later the Board of Selectmen. A member of Bethel Lodge # 97 AF & AM, the Maine Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Colonial Wars, the Mayflower Society, and Pilgrim Edward Doty Society, he is a former chair of the Society's Genealogy Committee and headed up the militia activities for Indian Raid '81. He also served as vice president, president, and trustee of the Society as well as a member of the Annual Fund Committee and the Finance and Investment Committee. In addition, he has long been active as a craftsman at Society events. His hobbies include Indian crafts, gardening, reading and genealogy.

Mabel Kennett was born in Ware, MA. She is a graduate of North Brookfield High School and Worcester State College. Her first teaching position was in Warren, MA in 1949. She later did some substitute teaching before she and her husband moved to Bethel in 1962 where she taught until retiring in 1983. A longtime member and chair of the Genealogy Committee, she recently donated a quilt to the Society to be raffled to benefit the Capital Campaign. Both she and her husband are life members and have been generous donors to the Annual Fund and the Capital Campaign. She has long demonstrated quilting at Society festivals. Her hobbies include quilting, genealogy, and reading.

IN MEMORIAM

Died, 14 September 1998, Ronald H. Keddy, Plainville, MA
Life Member

Died, 30 October 1998, Barbara Rich Adams, Lancaster, NH,
Contributing Member

Died 2 November 1998, Edgar A. Coolidge, Quincy, MA,
Senior Member

Died 16 November 1998, Eunice Sysko, Lewiston, Senior
Member

Whether this incident ever happened at this place or elsewhere is doubtful, but it is one of those tales in which we like to place implicit confidence. Perhaps a Northerner by throwing discredit upon its truthfulness might be opened to condemnation, as illustrated in the following: The late David Knapp, Esq., once had a warm argument in the office of the writer with a skeptic as to whether there was any existence after death. After the discussion had lasted some time, he brought it to a close by a flourish of his cane, exclaiming: 'Well if the belief in a hereafter is a delusion, damned be the man who arouses me out of that delusion.'

The 5th Maine reached the Blue Ridge on the 14th of September. The ascent was long and tedious. When the summit was reached, one of the most magnificent views, and the loveliest landscapes the soldiers had yet seen, presented itself to their astonished gaze. A valley long and narrow, with neatly painted dwellings here and there, surrounded with groves and fields, lay at their feet. On the other side was another range of mountains, where the smoke of the battle rose from out its side. They soon descended into the valley and marched to Jefferson, then a village of some 2000 inhabitants, where they halted for a short rest. The people were loyal to their government, and many joined the army.

After partaking of refreshments, the bugle sounded the call to move, and they quickly advanced to Crampton Pass, which was held by a Rebel battery. The enemy was anticipating this movement and was prepared.

While our artillery engaged their attention, our troops, by a skillful maneuver, succeeded in approaching within a short distance of their works. This was done by marching through ravines and pieces of wood. They came out onto an open plain in full sight of the enemy. The 5th Maine and 16th New York were formed in line of battle and given the post of honor. The Rebel position was naturally a strong one, but it was necessary to the Army of the Potomac that it should be taken, and it was expected that Slocum's Division would do it at all hazards and at whatever cost. "Forward!" rang out the voice of the commander, and the 5th Maine and the 16th New York, as if on parade, moved grandly onward to engage Howell Cobbs veterans, supported by "Jeb" Stuart's Cavalry. They were in an open field and shot and shell from the Rebel battery made gaps in their lines that were quickly closed again. Our cannon ceased their work, lest they might fire into our charging column while the rest of the Division were being placed into position to charge with the bayonet, when the time should come. Over the bloody track of three-fourths of a mile they went, leaping nearly half a dozen rail fences, and passing through a large cornfield on the way. Reaching a favorable position within a short distance of the enemy's lines, they opened a terrible fire of musketry upon them. It was hot work now. Muskets were loaded and fixed as fast as it was possible for men to do. Our brave boys fell thick and fast. One long hour passed and the ammunition began to fail, and orders were sent back for more.

"Hold your position at all hazards!" was the response of Slocum. The dead were searched for cartridges. Our fire slackened. Down the mountain on the run came reinforcements for the enemy. Crampton Pass was important to Lee, as well as McClellan.

The time had come. Just as our men were becoming disheartened, they saw Slocum's men move forward with their bayonets. That gallant officer knew what he was

about. "Forward, double quick charge!!" With a rush Slocum's troops passed the fifth Maine and 16th New York, and soon the Rebels were in swift retreat up the mountain. In fifteen minutes Crampton Pass was in our possession. We captured 800 prisoners and several cannon. The 5th Maine lost 45 men killed, wounded and missing. Of the Bethel Company, John F. Bryant of Bethel, Samuel E. Lufkin of Rumford, and Oliver Fletcher of Saco, were killed and Enoch Whittemore of Woodstock, wounded.

In the afternoon of the 13th, Gen'l McClellan had directed Gen'l Franklin to move with his corps to Crampton Pass, and is reported to have said in closing: "I ask of you at this important moment, all your intellect and the utmost activity that a general can exercise." The Rebel Gen'l D.H. Hill, says that, "McClellan by moving with celerity might have cut Lee's army in two. McClellan was too cautious a man for so daring a venture. Had he made it, Jackson could have escaped across the Potomac, but the force, under Lee in person, (Longstreet's division and my division) must have been caught. Frederick the Great's campaign against the allies, shows what he would have done had he been in command of the Fed'l army. But the American soldier preferred to do sure work, rather than brilliant work, his natural condition being increased by the carping criticism of his enemies."

The capture of Crampton Pass, though tardy through no fault of Slocum and his men, was a brilliant feat and an immense advantage to our army. Stuart the Rebel cavalry raider, had abandoned Turner's Gap to prevent our taking Crampton Pass, when he ascertained the movement to storm it. He did not get the bulk to his troops there in season to prevent it. *(to be continued in the next issue)*

RECENT GIFTS

Among the most recent gifts to the Society are the following: Wilma Gorman, misc. turn of the century catalogs, pair of fireplace tongs once owned by Gen. Clark S. Edwards, 1891 fair poster; Ada Cummings, large photo of Bethel Players, ca. 1948, mounted photograph of the Upton Stage near Screw Auger Falls; Don Bean, large collection of 19th century magazines and newspapers once owned by David Burnham of Hunt's Corner, Albany, ME; Michael Stowell, copy of "Ramblings" written by Harry Swift in 1948, copy of "Stockman-Garrison Ancestral Lines"; Linda Westleigh, collection of Colonial Homes magazine, collection of colored photos of Bethel Bicentennial parade (1996); Earle G. Shettleworth, Jr., mounted photo of the former John Chapman house on Church Street (now the site of Gehring Hall); Karen Jordan, large wooden chair made at the Bethel Chair Factory on Cross Street; Basil Seguin, three notebooks kept by Cornelia A. Bennett in 1899 and 1900 while a student at Gould Academy; Elizabeth Holbrook, a small wine glass, syrup pitcher, vinegar cruet, and photographs associated with the Sunday River Valley and with Sarah Riley, granddaughter of Luke Riley; Tom McGinness, glass paperweight with photo of Bethel Hill Common; Jane Rackliffe, two 19th century women's dresses; Robert and Linda Saunders, collection of papers relating to the Young family of Main Street; Marion Learned Thurston and Karen Thurston Hodsdon, large 1883 dictionary used by the Searle family of Newry; Barbara Mahler, Bethel Savings Bank money bag, 48 star U.S. flag; Mary Valentine, a copy of Logging in the Maine Woods. Much appreciation is expressed to all of the above for their generous gifts to the Society's collection.

AUDIT REPORT

October 5, 1998

To the Board of Directors
Bethel Historical Society, Inc.
P.O. Box 12
Bethel, ME 04217

We have reviewed the accompanying statements of financial position of Bethel Historical Society, (a nonprofit organization), as of December 31, 1997 and 1996, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of the management of Bethel Historical Society.

A review consists principally of inquiries of organization personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an examination in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.


AUSTIN ASSOCIATES, P.A.
Certified Public Accountants

Exhibit A

Bethel Historical Society, Inc. Statements of Financial Position For The Years Ended December 31, 1997 and 1996

	1997	1996
<u>Assets</u>		
<u>Current Assets:</u>		
Cash	\$123,888	\$124,545
Deposit on building	50,000	-0-
Inventory	<u>32,722</u>	<u>43,925</u>
Total current assets	<u>206,610</u>	<u>168,470</u>
<u>Land, Building and Equipment</u>	385,505	382,585
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>265,474</u>	<u>254,439</u>
	<u>120,031</u>	<u>128,146</u>
<u>Other Assets--Investments</u>	<u>371,236</u>	<u>307,108</u>
Total assets	<u>\$697,877</u>	<u>\$603,724</u>
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>		
<u>Current Liabilities:</u>		
Accounts payable	\$ 13,281	\$ 20,647
Accrued expenses	1,534	1,693
Note payable	<u>29,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>43,815</u>	<u>22,340</u>
<u>Net Assets:</u>		
Unrestricted	651,017	579,384
Temporarily restricted	<u>3,045</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Total net assets	<u>654,062</u>	<u>581,384</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$697,877</u>	<u>\$603,724</u>

See accountants' review report.
The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Exhibit B

Bethel Historical Society, Inc. Statements of Activities For The Years Ended December 31, 1997 and 1996

	1997	1996
<u>Unrestricted Net Assets</u>		
Support and Revenue:		
General contributions	\$ 13,451	\$ 12,155
Elderhostel	2,225	1,894
Grants	1,000	-0-
Dues	6,619	7,030
Admission and sales income	18,816	29,349
Capital campaign income	35,081	-0-
Rental income	548	615
Investment income	23,997	21,810
Gain on sale of securities	11,344	-0-
Unrealized gain (loss) on change in value of marketable securities	<u>51,405</u>	<u>(1,675)</u>
Total unrestricted support and revenue	<u>164,486</u>	<u>71,178</u>
Expenses:		
Program services	67,108	70,995
Supporting services	<u>25,745</u>	<u>20,649</u>
	<u>92,853</u>	<u>91,644</u>
<u>Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets</u>	<u>71,633</u>	<u>(20,466)</u>
<u>Temporarily Restricted Net Assets</u>		
Support--contributions	<u>1,045</u>	<u>2,000</u>
<u>Increase in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets</u>	<u>1,045</u>	<u>2,000</u>
<u>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</u>	<u>72,678</u>	<u>(18,466)</u>
<u>Prior Period Adjustment</u>	-0-	35,547
<u>Net Assets, at beginning, as previously reported</u>	<u>581,384</u>	<u>564,303</u>
<u>Net Assets, at beginning, as restated</u>	<u>581,384</u>	<u>599,850</u>
<u>Net Assets, at end</u>	<u>\$ 654,062</u>	<u>\$ 581,384</u>

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Exhibit C

Bethel Historical Society, Inc.
Statements of Functional Expenses
For The Years Ended December 31, 1997 and 1996

	1997		1996	
	Program Services	Supporting Services	Program Services	Supporting Services
Advertising	\$ 427	\$ -0-	\$ 730	\$ -0-
Bank charges	-0-	252	-0-	7
Bookkeeping expense	-0-	1,500	-0-	1,525
Building repairs	1,000	-0-	213	-0-
Course fees	-0-	-0-	195	-0-
Depreciation	9,931	1,104	9,418	1,046
Director's expense	200	-0-	200	-0-
Dues	463	-0-	365	-0-
Grant expense	-0-	-0-	500	-0-
Heat, lights and water	-0-	6,343	-0-	6,503
Insurance	3,525	2,934	2,546	4,111
Interest	-0-	1,950	-0-	-0-
Janitorial services	-0-	802	-0-	760
Merchandise for resale	17,328	-0-	22,607	-0-
Miscellaneous	-0-	3,912	-0-	2,472
Office supplies and printing	3,838	427	2,907	323
Postage	3,168	352	3,617	402
Professional fees	-0-	4,298	-0-	1,545
Salaries	24,199	1,545	23,833	1,600
Subscriptions	-0-	-0-	267	-0-
Suppliers	100	-0-	400	-0-
Taxes	1,759	196	2,335	259
Telephone	1,170	130	862	96
Total expenses	<u>\$67,108</u>	<u>\$25,745</u>	<u>\$70,995</u>	<u>\$20,649</u>

See accountants' review report.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Exhibit D

Bethel Historical Society, Inc.
Statements of Cash Flows
For The Years Ended December 31, 1997 and 1996

	1997	1996
<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</u>		
Increase (Decrease) in net assets	\$ 72,678	\$(18,466)
Adjustments to reconcile increase (decrease) in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation	11,035	10,464
Gain on sale of marketable securities	(11,344)	-0-
Unrealized (gain) loss on change in value of marketable securities	(51,405)	1,675
(Increase) Decrease in operating assets—Inventory	11,203	(21,329)
Increase (Decrease) in operating liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(7,525)	17,856
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>24,642</u>	<u>(9,800)</u>
<u>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</u>		
Capital expenditures	(52,919)	(126)
Purchase of securities	(48,419)	(51,530)
Proceeds from sale of securities	<u>47,032</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(54,299)</u>	<u>(1,656)</u>
<u>Cash Flows from Financing Activities:</u>		
Proceeds from loans	55,000	-0-
Loan repayments	(26,000)	-0-
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>29,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<u>Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents</u>	<u>(657)</u>	<u>(11,456)</u>
<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents, at beginning</u>	<u>124,545</u>	<u>136,001</u>
<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents, at end</u>	<u>\$ 123,888</u>	<u>\$ 124,545</u>

Disclosure of Accounting Policy

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Organization considers all highly liquid debt instruments with a maturity of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents.

See accountants' review report.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.



The Portland Brass Quintet performs this summer on the grounds of the Dr. Moses Mason House at the Society's annual Fourth of July community picnic.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES OF TRUSTEES

(Editor's Note: These brief biographies include new trustees as well as those not previously published due to space limitations.)

Alvin Barth, Jr. was born in Philadelphia, PA and graduated from Gould Academy in 1954, Penn State, the University of Utah, and Colby College. He began teaching at Gould Academy in 1960, retiring in 1988 as Director of Alumni Affairs. He later was Director of Community Relations and Development at Stephens Memorial Hospital. During his teaching career he was an International Teaching Fellow at Melbourne, Australia. Active in the community, he served on the SAD # 44 Board of Directors, on the boards of the Mahoosuc Land Trust and the Mahoosuc Arts Council, as Bethel Rotary president and Master of the Bethel Masonic Lodge, and four terms in the Maine House of Representatives. He is currently a member of the Bethel Board of Selectmen. He married Jane Greig in 1962 who died in 1983. He married Lee Johanson in 1985 and has four children and two grandchildren. His hobbies include stamp collecting, hunting and fishing, fundraising for diabetes organizations and volunteering for Maine Handicapped Skiing. He was first elected Society Vice President in 1996.

Susan Herlihy was born in Saranac Lake, NY and is a graduate of Saranac Lake High School and the University of Maine at Farmington. She has also studied at the University of Connecticut at Storrs, University of the South in Sewanee, TN, Laval University in Quebec City and at the University of Quebec at Chicoutimi as well as in Le Mans, France. With a background in real estate, community education, French language, and the public service sector of the University of Maine system, she has been (and continues to be) a broker, a French instructor and a grant writer among other occupations. She is married to William Herlihy and has three children and seven grandchildren. Her hobbies include gardening, tennis, and interior design. An Episcopalian, she is also active in the Congregational Church and as a volunteer for the Mahoosuc Arts Council and Maine Handicapped Skiing. A

trustee since 1997, she is a very active volunteer and currently heads the Capital Campaign Committee.

Arlan Jodrey was born in Bethel and graduated from Gould Academy in 1954. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves and began working at the Portland Pipeline Corporation in 1953. He married Eleanor Lord in 1962 and they have two children and four grandchildren. He retired in 1994 after forty-one years with the company. Very active in the community, he has served as a Selectman, Assessor, Budget Committee member, Planning Board member, and on the Airport Authority for the Town of Bethel. He has also served at the state level on a variety of transportation committees and on the Executive Committee of the Maine Municipal Association as well as president of the Oxford County Municipal Officers Association and as a hospital trustee. He is a member of the Bethel Masonic Lodge and a trustee of Community Concepts. His hobbies include collecting old cars, working in his woodlots and hayfields,

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EDITOR'S CORNER

Elsewhere in this issue is noted the passing of one of our Contributing Members, Barbara Rich Adams of Lancaster, NH. She joined the Society upon her return to the North Country after years abroad. With family connections to East Bethel, she took a great interest in the Society and was an avid reader of the *COURIER*. She also gave the Society a number of artifacts relating to the area. Ever lively and witty, Mrs. Adams was a frequent visitor to the Society. One never knew just what to expect from this grand lady as she was frequently outrageous in her comments and humor. Her annual newsletters were great fun to read and have been carefully preserved in the collections of the Society. I will greatly miss her visits and intriguing stories of life in so many parts of the world. Until her death this fall at age 94, she certainly lived life to the fullest, making friends throughout the world (including some famous ones such as Agatha Christie) and being the consummate good neighbor.

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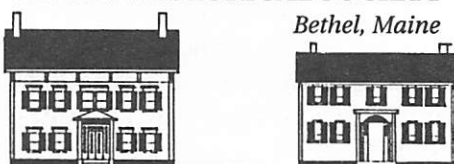
and operating heavy equipment. He was elected this fall to the Maine House of Representatives. A Society trustee since 1996, he is a very enthusiastic volunteer and chairman of the Building Committee.

Lois Kilroy was born in Berlin, NH and is a graduate of Berlin High School and the University of New Hampshire with a degrees in psychology and nursing. She also has a M.S. in gerontology and human services from New Hampshire College. She taught briefly in Manchester, NH and later served in the Visiting Nurse Association program in Portsmouth. She moved to Bethel in 1991 to operate the Hometown Bakery before her retirement. She is the mother of six children and has five grandchildren. Her hobbies include music, reading, and gardening. She is a member of the Bethel Congregational Church Choir and works as a librarian at the Bethel Library. A very active volunteer for the Society for the past several years, she serves on the Capital Campaign Committee.

H. Paul McGuire was born in Waterville and is a graduate of Mexico High School. He graduated from the University of Maine at Orono in 1961 and also holds a M.A. degree from the same institution. He began his teaching career at Fryeburg Academy in 1961 and chaired the history department there until he left to accept a similar position at Gould Academy in 1969, where he is also Dean of Students. He is married to Robin Lee, also a history teacher at Gould, and has three children and three grandchildren. His hobbies include Nordic skiing, restoring canvas canoes, reading mystery fiction, and playing in the Old Crow Indian Band of Farmington. He has been active in Democratic politics, serving on the State Committee and as the County and Local Chair several years. His professional memberships include the Maine Historical Society, the Organization of American Historians, and the American Historical Association. He has been Secretary and Clerk of the Board of Trustees since 1996.

Priscella Walker was born in Kittery, ME and is a graduate of Traip Academy. Before her marriage to Dean Walker in 1956, she was employed in a jewelry store. Later she operated an antique jewelry shop in Portsmouth, NH and was Director of the John Paul Jones House in Portsmouth for five years before her retirement. She is the mother of three children and has five grandchildren. Her hobbies include crafts, knitting, sewing, genealogy and travel. She and her husband have a condo at Eden Ridge and divide their time between Kittery and Bethel. She is a very active volunteer for the Society, serving on the Capital Campaign Committee and chairs the Museum Shop Committee.

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